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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Reports from Cape Colony—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The medical officer of health for the Colony reports, January 8, 1906, as follows:

Week ended January 6, 1906:

Port Elizabeth.—No plague case discovered. Rodents bacteriologically examined for plague infection, 168. One mouse plague infected.

East London.—Rodents examined, 145. No plague infection found.

Cape Town, harbor board area, and shipping.—Rodents examined, 721. No plague infection found.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine precautions—Quarantinable diseases—Smallpox in Canton.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, January 6 and 13, 1906, as follows:

Week ended January 6, 1906.

Government notification that restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on September 9, 1905.

Government notification that restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on December 29, 1905.

Return of quarantinable diseases: Smallpox, 2 cases, 1 death.

During the latter part of December there occurred in Canton about 40 cases of very virulent smallpox, some being hemorrhagic. The disease did not spread to any alarming extent. Otherwise the health of Canton has been fair, although some of the neighboring towns have suffered severely with plague.

Week ended January 13, 1906:

Government notification that restrictions enforced against Hongkong by Burma, as reported on December 30, 1905, have been removed.

Return of quarantinable diseases: Plague, 2 cases, 2 deaths; smallpox, 1 case.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, January 10 and 17, 1906, as follows:

During the week ended January 6, 1906, 3 steamers were granted supplemental bills of health and 3 vessels, 430 crew, 2 cabin, and 76

steerage passengers were inspected. Manifests were viséed for 11,133 pieces of freight and 7 pieces were inspected and passed, while 1 piece was disinfected.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows smallpox 1 case and 1 death among foreigners and 1 death among natives. The total reported mortality was 1 death among foreigners and 94 deaths among natives.

The reported cases and deaths from smallpox are, I think, but a small fraction of those actually occurring.

No quarantinable disease was reported from outports.

Week ended January 13, 1906. One original and one supplemental bill of health issued: 2 steamers, 242 crew, and 47 steerage passengers inspected.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels.

Consul Baehr reports, February 12, as follows:

Week ended February 10, 1906.

Four bills of health issued for vessels bound for the United States, with 83 crew. No passengers.

The sanitary condition of these vessels was reported good; no sickness. No quarantinable diseases reported at this port during this week.

Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf reports, February 13, as follows:

Week ended February 10, 1906:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	35
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1,332
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1,076
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing.....	7
Health certificates issued for New Orleans, Mobile, and Florida.....	898

No new cases of yellow fever were reported during the week. Of the 3 cases reported during the previous week 2 have recovered and the third is convalescent.

Report from Matanzas—Inspection and precautionary detention of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, February 12, as follows:

During the week ended February 10, 1906, 5 bills of health were granted to vessels bound for United States ports. Precautionary detention in quarantine was observed with the Norwegian steamship *Nelderskin*, originally from Cristobal, Colon, Canal Zone, via Cardenas. Four cases of malarial fever, of which 2 occurred at the port of origin, with a subsequent relapse in both cases on the way to Cardenas, and 2 new cases from the latter port to Matanzas, developed on board of this vessel up to the time of leaving this harbor. These facts were noted on the bill of health. This vessel was disinfected on leaving the Canal Zone on January 20 last.